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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF PRESIDENTS SPEECH TO CORTES

1. IN ADDRESS TO CORTES FEBRUARY 12, (SEPTOL), PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO GAVE FIRST PUBLIC INDICATIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING AT OUTSET THAT TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY HAS PASSED, ARIAS REAFFIRMED THAT SPAIN, THROUGH ITS INFLUENCE IN AN "INTERCONTINENTAL COMMUNITY" TO WHICH IT LINKED BY LANGUAGE, STILL HAS HISTORIC MISSION IN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

2. HE OUTLINED FOLLOWING AS ENDURING GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY: FRATERNAL TIES WITH PEOPLES OF PORTUGAL AND HISPANIC AMERICA; MAINTENANCE OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD ARABS; SPAIN'S DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; INTENTION TO BROADEN AND INTENSIFY SPAIN'S RELATIONS

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WITH ALL COUNTRIES WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT DIALOGUE AND

AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES DOES NOT PRESUPPOSE ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNAL POLITICAL SYSTEMS OR IDEOLOGIES.

3. TURNING TO EUROPE, ARIAS REITERATED SUCCINCTLY SPAIN'S DESIRE TO BE PRESENT IN WESTERN EUROPE'S PROCESS OF INTEGRATION. HE STRESSED THAT SPAIN IS "INEXTINGUISHABLE PART OF EUROPE, GEOGRAPHICALLY, HISTORICALLY AND CULTURALLY.

4. ARIAS LISTED AMONG SPAIN'S PRIORITIES ITS CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF MEDITERRANEAN AREA. "TREATY" OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH U.S., HE CONTINUED, IS RELATED IN IMPORTANT WAY TO MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY. HE CALLED AGREEMENT JURIDICAL EXPRESSION OF SPAIN'S FRIENDSHIP -- UNDER PRINCIPLES OF RECIPROCAL RESPECT AND ADEQUATE QUID PRO QUO -- IN SERVICE OF COMMON CAUSE OF WEST.

5. ARIAS GAVE GIBRALTAR MORE ATTENTION THAN ANY OTHER FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE. NEW GOVERNMENT, HE NOTED, MUST ONCE AGAIN POINT OUT THAT GIBRALTAR CONFLICT IS GRAVE OBSTACLE TO UNDERSTANDING WITH UK. FOR SPAIN, SOLE VALID DOCTRINE IN DISPUTE IS U.N. RESOLUTIONS. AS LONG AS U.K. IGNORES THE UN, ARIAS WARNED, SPAIN FEELS FREE TO PRESS ITS CLAIMS BY ALL POSSIBLE PEACEFUL MEANS. SPAIN CANNOT DO OTHERWISE, HE CONCLUDED, SINCE CLAIM TO GIBRALTAR IS NOT ISSUE OF ANY PARTICULAR ADMINISTRATION OR REGIME, BUT AN INJURY TO FEELINGS OF ALL SPANIARDS FOR ALMOST THREE HUNDRED YEARS.

6. COMMENT: ARIAS DID NOT DEVIATE SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PAST FORMULATIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES, THOUGH SPEECH SUGGESTS SOME VARIATION IN EMPHASIS. IN OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS OR IDEOLOGIES, ARIAS CONFIRMED NEW GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUATION OF GRADUAL DIPLOMATIC RAPPROCHEMENT WITH COMMUNIST STATES. BASES AGREEMENT AND GENERAL TIES WITH U.S. CAME IN FOR MORE RECOGNITION THAN HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY IN RECENT PAST (FRANCO'S 1973 YEAR-END SPEECH DID NOT MENTION U.S. AT ALL IN ENUMERATION OF SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITY AREAS.) PROMISING NOTE IS THAT BASES AGREEMENT WAS TREATED MORE AS ASPECT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY AFFECTING SPAIN AND AS SPANISH CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON DEFENSE OF WEST THAN AS EX GRATIA SPANISH CONCESSION TO U.S. AND EUROPEAN SECURITY. RENEWED APPEAL FOR INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS WAS NOTEWORTHY ONLY FOR ITS BREVITY. ALSO ABSENT WAS USUAL APPEAL FOR CLOSER SPANISH COOPERATION WITH ATLANTIC DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS. ARIAS RHETORIC ON GIBRALTAR SUGGESTS, THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS, NEW

GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION TO DE-EMPHASIZE ISSUE IN  
ARENA OF DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.  
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